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TAGS: PINT, PINS, MILI, VS

SUBJECT: VIET-NAM CEASE-FIRE WEEKLY ASSESSMENT, OCT 24-30, 1973

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SUMMARY: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR 1 DROPPED BY ALMOST HALF. THERE WAS AN ALMOST COMPLETE ABSENCE OF GROUND CONTACT NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS: ACTIVITY TO HTE SOUTH FEATURED TWENTY APPARENTLY COORDINATED ATTACKS ON OCTOBER 23, WHICH MAY SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF A COMMUNIST "HIGH POINT" IN QUANG NGAI-QUANG TIN. IN MR 2, THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INCREASED FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN A ROW, WITH CONTINUING COMMUNIST PRESSURE ON RVNAF IN THE HIGHLANDS--MOSTLY ATTACKS BY FIRE--ACCOUNTING FOR ALMOST HALF THE TOTAL. BINH DINH REMAINED ACTIVE ALSO, WHILE THE RECENT HIGHER LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN BINH THUAN SPILLED OVER INTO NEIGHBORING NINH THUAN. PHU YEN BECAME UNUSUALLY QUIET, BUT THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE COMMUNISTS PLAN INCREASED ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 1. IN MR 3, WHERE THERE WAS A SHARP DECREASE IN INCIDENTS, THERE APPEARS TO BE A SHIFT IN THE PATTERN OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FROM ISOLATED TO MORE POPULOUS AREAS, NEAR WHICH THERE ARE GROWING CONCENTRATIONS OF COMMUNIST TROOPS AND SUPPLIES. THE REPLACEMENT OF LTG MINH AS III CORPS CG BY LTG PHAM-QUOCTHUAN IS ONLY THE FIRST OF SEVERAL KEY COMMAND CHANGES. MR 4 RECORDED A FURTHER INCREASE IN ACTIVITY, CONCENTRATED AGAIN IN THE NORTHERN DELTA PROVINCES OF KIEN PHONG, DINH TUONG, AND KIEN HOA. RELATIVE TRANQUILITY PERSISTED IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DELTA, INCLUDING CHAU DOC, WHERE THE RANGERS CONTINUE MOP-UP OPERATIONS ON GIAI MOUNTAIN. THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF THE IRANIAN ICCS DEPLOYED TO REGIONAL SITES: THE SECOND CONTINGENT IS EXPECTED IN SAIGON ON NOVEMBER 3. DEADLOCK CONTINUES IN THE FPJMT AND IN THE TPJMC. THE RVNAF TPJMC DELEGATION HAS A NEW CHIEF, THE FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF, BG HIEP. END SUMMARY.

#### PART I ICCS

1. ON OCTOBER 27 THE SECOND GROUP OF 63 REPLACEMENTS FOR THE  
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POLISH CONTINGENT OF THE ICCS ARRIVED BY CHARTER AIRCRAFT FROM WARSAW. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE CHARTER DEPARTED FOR WARSAW WITH 70 OF THEIR PREDECESSORS.

2. THE IRANIAN OFFICERS OF THE FIRST CONTINGENT WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO THE SEVEN ICCS REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS DEPARTED SAIGON FOR THEIR POSTS ON OCTOBER 29. THE NEXT CONTINGENT, WHICH IS DUE TO ARRIVE ON NOVEMBER 3, WILL REMAIN IN SAIGON FOR A FEW DAYS' BRIEFING AND WILL THEN BE SENT TO MAN SELECTED FIELD SITES. THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HAS SAID THAT HE PLANS TO HAVE THEM MAN THE MOST "DIFFICULT" SITES FIRST.

#### PART II COMMUNISTS RAP GVN PLANS TO BOMB RANG

RANG

THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE DRV AND VIET CONG FOREIGN MINISTRIES DENOUNCED GVN PLANS TO USE THE ABANDONED AIRFIELD AT RANG RANG AS A PRACTICE BOMBING RANGE. RANG RANG IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE, WAS THE SITE AGREED UPON FOR THE RELEASE OF THE TWO CANADIAN ICCS DELEGATES WHO WERE CAPTURED BY THE VC AFTERVENTURING INTO A COMMUNIST-OCCUPIED AREA SOUTHWEST OF XUAN LOC IN MID-JULY. BOTH SPOKESMEN CLAIM THAT THE AIRFIELD IS UNDER COMMUNIST JURISDICTION AND THAT THE ICCS HAS FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGED

THAT FACT. (COMMENT: WE HAVE NO RECORD THAT ICCS MADE ANY SUCH DETERMINATION BUT ARE CONTINUING TO PROD OUR ICCS SOURCES FOR A DEFINITIVE ANSWER. END COMMENT.) THE VIET CONG OFFICIAL WENT ON TO REITERATE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE OCTOBER 15 ORDER OF THE COMMUNIST MILITARY HIGH-COMMAND THREATENING TO "FIGHT BACK ANYWHERE, ANY FORM AND WITH APPROPRIATE FORCES" SHOULD THE GVN CONTINUE ITS ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

#### PART III FPJMT

FPJMT NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN DEADLOCKED AS THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS STUDIOUSLY AVOID MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS HAVE AT LEAST TEMPORARILY REFRAINED FROM LONG, EMOTIONALLY CHARGED POLITICAL TIRADES AND FOR PAST THREE SESSIONS HAVE SOUGHT TO PROJECT AN IMAGE OF AMIABLE CONCILATION WHILE IN EFFECT MARKING TIME.

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#### PART IV TPJMC

1. BGEN. PHAN-HOA-HIEP BECAME CHIEF OF THE RVNAF TPJMC DELEGATION ON OCTOBER 27, UPON THE DEPARTURE OF LTG PHAM-QUOCTHUAN. AS DEPUTY CHIEF SINCE ITS INCEPTION, GENERAL HIEP HAD BEEN FOR FUNCTIONAL HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION AND, UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER, HAD NORMALLY REPRESENTED THE GVN AT THE CHIEFS OF DELEGATION MEETINGS. LTG THUAN, A PALACE INTIMATE AND CONCURRENTLY COMMANDANT OF THE THU DIC MILITARY ACADEMY, HAD LARGELY FADED FROM THE PICTURE PRIOR TO HIS OFFICIAL DEPARTURE. GENERAL HIEP'S CONFIRMATION AS CHIEF OF DELEGATION IN ANME AS WELL AS IN FACT INDICATES THAT HE HAS CONVINCED HIS SUPERIORS OF HIS DEPENDABILITY AND HIS ABILITY TO PERFORM EFFECTIVELY, AND HE SEEMS LIKELY TO REMAIN AS CHIEF OF DELEGATION AT LEAST UNTIL THE POLITICAL CLIMATE PERMITS THE TPJMC TO ASSUME THE SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ROLE PRESCRIBED FOR IT BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE DEPUTY CHIEF'S POSITION HAS BEEN ABOLISHED.

2. THE RVNAF TPJMC LEADERSHIP MADE A REAL EFFORT TO WELCOME AND EDUCATE THE NEWLY ARRIVED PRINCIPALS OF THE MILITARY COMPONENT OF THE IRANIAN ICCS DELEGATION. GENERAL HIEP ON OCTOBER 27 GAVE A PARTY TO INTRODUCE THE IRANIAN REGIONAL TEAM

CHIEFS TO THEIR RVNAF COUNTERPARTS IN A RELAXED AND CONVIVIAL  
ATMOSPHERE PRIOR TO THEIR POSTING TO THE FIELD. IN ANTICIPATION FO  
THE RESUMPTION OF FULL ICCS ACTIVITIES, THE INDONESIANS HAD RE-  
QUESTED A JGS BRIEFING ON THE CURRENT MILITARY SITUTATION. THE  
RVNAF TPJMC INVITED THE IRANIANS, AND THE OFFICERS OF BOTH  
DELEGATIONS RECEIVED A STRAIGHTFORWARD, FACTUAL PRESENTATION  
WHICH CORRESPONDED TO THE "ENEMY SITUATION" PORTION OF THE  
TRADITIONAL MILITARY BRIEFING.

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PART V MR1

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

ACCORDING TO I CORPS HEADQUARTERS THERE WERE 71 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS LAST WEEK, MAKING A DAILY AVERAGE OF 10 OR ONLY A LITTLE OVER HALF LAST WEEK'S AVERAGE. ATTACKS BY FIRE ACCOUNTED FOR 50 OF THE VIOLATIONS REPORTED. GVN CASUALTIES: 46 KIA, 204 WIA; PRG/NVA: 94 KIA, 7 RETURNEES. GVN ARTILLERY FIRED 1949 ROUNDS NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS AND 5758 ROUNDS SOUTH, MAKING A TOTAL OF 7707 OR A REDUCTION OF NEARLY FOUR THOUSAND ROUNDS FROM LAST WEEK.

2. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

A. THERE WAS LESS MILITARY ACTIVITY AND IT CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF SMALL ATTACKS BY FIRE AND HARASSMENTS AGAINST POSITIONS OF THE 3D AND 54TH REGIMENTS, 1ST ARVN DIVISION AND THE 21ST RANGER BATTALION, ALL WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF HUE.

B. A SECTION OF THE IMPORTANT AN LO BRIDGE ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY 1 ABOUT TWELVE KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF HUE WAS WASHED AWAY AS A CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF SEVERAL HEAVY FLOODINGS. THE I CORPS ENGINEER REPORTED ON OCTOBER 29 THAT THREE MONTHS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RESTORE THE BRIDGE AND TEMPORARY BAILEY BRIDGE REPAIRS MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL FLOOD WATERS RECEDE. A FERRY IS IN OPERATION.

3. SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

A. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A YEAR, THE QUANG NAM PROVINCE CAPITAL HOI AN WAS HIT BY MORTAR FIRE. CONGEN PROVINCE DIRECTOR REPORTS THAT 12 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE HIT IN THE EARLY HOURS OF OCTOBER 31, WOUNDING 5 CIVILIANS, 1 RURAL DEVELOPMENT CADREMAN AND 2 SOLDIERS. AFTER QUANG NGAI AND TAM KY, THIS IS THE THIRD PROVINCIAL CAPITAL IN MR-1 TO BE ATTACKED SINCE THE CEASEFIRE. IN THE VICINITY OF LANDING ZONE BALDY ABOUT TEN

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KILOMETERS SOUTH OF HOI AN, THE VC DROPPED 6 ROUNDS OF 122MM ROCKET.

B. MOST VC/NVA ACTIVITY IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE WAS REPORTED

IN THE BORDER AREA BETWEEN TAM KY AND TIEN PHUOC DISTRICTS AND IN WESTERN THANG BINH DISTRICT. THE ONG BO BRIDGE ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY 1 IN LY TIN DISTRICT SOUTHEAST OF TAM KY WAS 70 PERCENT DAMAGED BY SAPPERS AND HAS NOT BEEN REPAIRED. A PONTOON BRIDGE IS IN TEMPORARY SERVICE.

C. IN THE EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 23, VC/NVA UNITS LAUNCHED 20 ATTACKS WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN COORDINATED TO OCCUR ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY IN SEVEN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. GVN FORCES SUFFERED A TOTAL OF 14 KIA AND 49 WIA/MIA IN THE INCIDENTS, WHICH INCLUDED 8 GROUND ATTACKS. THE PROVINCE CHIEF TOLD POLOFF QUANG NGAI HE BELIEVES THIS MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A HIGH PERIOD IN ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH WILL EXTEND THROUGH NOVEMBER IN BOTH QUANG NGAI AND QUANG TIN.

D. HILL 252 COMMANDING THE ROAD BETWEEN NGHIA HANH AND MINH LONG DISTRICT TOWNS IN QUANG NGAI REMAINS IN VC/NVA HANDS. QUANG NGAI SECTOR SOURCES INFORMED POLOFF QUANG NGAI THAT ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH REGIMENT, 2ND ARVN DIVISION, ARE TRYING TO SURROUND THE HILL AND CUT OFF SUPPLIES TO THE DEFENDERS.

4. ICCS:

A. THE IRANIAN DELEGATIONS TO ICCS REGIONS I AND II ARRIVED IN MR-1 OCTOBER 29. A NINE-MEMBER IRANIAN DELEGATION JOINED THE REGION I ICCS, AND 12 IRANIANS JOINED THE REGION II DELEGATION. THE IRANIANS PLAN TO DEPLOY TO SUB-REGION SITES WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS. A SECOND SMALLER CONTINGENT OF IRANIANS IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK TO BRING THE REGION I AND REGION II DELEGATIONS UP TO FULL STRENGTH. IN REGION I, THE INDONESIANS HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE IRANIANS IT WILL NOW BE POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH THE BACKLOG OF INVESTIGATION REQUESTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PROTESTS WHICH HAVE ACCUMULATED DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

B. ON OCTOBER 26 THE GVN DELEGATION TO THE REGION II TPJMC TOOK AN ICCS DELEGATION ON AN OBSERVATION EXPEDITION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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QUE SON DISTRICT IN SOUTHERN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. FIVE INDONESIAN OFFICERS AND ONE POLISH MAJOR MADE THE TRIP. (A HUNGARIAN BACKED OUT OF THE TRIP AT THE LAST MINUTE.) THEY VISITED THE NEW DISTRICT CAPITAL OF QUE SON AS WELL AS THE FORMER CAPITAL. THE GROUP ALSO VISITED A FEW VILLAGES AND HAD LUNCH AS GUESTS OF A VILLAGE CHIEF. THE DEPUTY HEAD OF THE GVN DELEGATION TO THE ICCS IN REGION II WAS "VERY SATISFIED" WITH THE EXCURSION, WHICH HE SAID LET THE ICCS SEE THAT QUE SON AND VICINITY IS GVN-CONTROLLED TERRITORY.

C. THE CHU LAI ICCS TEAM MOVED TO TAM KY TEMPORARILY LAST WEEK FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS WHILE THE ROOF OF THE CHU LAI ICCS COMPOUND IS BEING REPAIRED.

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1. OVERALL SITUATION: THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INCREASED FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN A ROW TO 159; AMONG THE HIGHEST TOTALS REPORTED SINCE THE JANUARY CEASE-FIRE. ACTION WAS CONCENTRATED IN PLEIKU (55), BINH DINH (43) AND KONTUM (25). RVNAF KIA/WIA WERE 78/182, AND 80 WERE LISTED AS MISSING, MAKING AN INCREASE IN ALL CATEGORIES BUT WOUNDED. COMMUNIST KIA INCREASED FROM 218 TO 315, THOUGH WE SUSPECT THE LATTER FIGURE IS INFLATED (SEE PARA 2). ONE COMMUNIST WAS LISTED AS CAPTURED. THE RVNAF CAPTURED 14 CREW-SERVED AND 31 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, AND LOST 4 CREW-SERVED AND 65 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. THE NUMBER OF AIR STRIKES DECREASED FROM 431 TO 216 (90 IN PLEIKU, 50 IN KONTUM, 48 IN BINH DINH, 22 IN QUANG DUC, 4 IN DARLAC AND 2 IN PHU YEN).

2. PLEIKU/KONTUM: COMMUNIST FORCES CONTINUE TO PRESS THE RVNAF IN PLEIKU AND KONTUM, THUS PRODUCING 50 PERCENT OF THE REPORTED INCIDENTS IN MR 2 THIS WEEK. THOUGH MOST OF THESE WERE ATTACKS BY FIRE WITH OCCASIONAL MINOR GROUND PROBES, TWO CONFLICTS WERE ON A LARGER SCALE. ON THE EVENING OF OCT 23, AN UNKNOWN-SIZED ENEMY FORCE ATTACKED THE 2ND BN OF THE 40TH REGT. SOUTH-WEST OF PLEIKU CITY, PUTTING THE UNIT TO FLIGHT, KILLING 30, WOUNDING 12 AND CAPTURING ALMOST ITS ENTIRE EQUIPMENT. AT THE TIME THE INCIDENT WAS OFFICIALLY REPORTED (THREE DAYS AFTER IT HAPPENED), 65 RVNAF SOLDIERS WERE LISTED AS MISSING, THOUGH UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATES RUN AS HIGH AS 200. GVN CLAIMS OF 127 ENEMY KILLED APPEAR EXAGGERATED IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS OR MATERIEL. EARLIER REPORTS THAT THE ENEMY EMPLOYED TANKS NOW APPEAR LESS CERTAIN. A SIMILAR ATTACK ON THE 2ND BN OF THE 45TH REGT. (OCT. 29) LOCATED 11 KM NORTH OF PLEI MRONG RESULTED IN FEWER CASUALTIES: 2 RVNAF WOUNDED AND 13 MIA, AND UNKNOWN ENEMY LOSSES. WHATEVER THE COMMUNISTS' ACTUAL INTENT, THEIR WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY WORRIES THE RVNAF, POSES HARD CHOICES BETWEEN THE DEPLOYMENT OF ARVN FORCES IN THIS THEATER OR IN BINH DINH, AND CASTS DOUBT ON THE RVNAF'S ABILITY TO RESIST CONCERTED ENEMY ATTACK, EVEN IF THE ATTACKS ARE ISOLATED.

3. QUANG DUC: REGIONAL FORCE OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO CLEAR  
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QL 14 AND PROVINCIAL ROUTE 309 TO THE NORTH AND NORTH-WEST OF THE BU BON (BU PRANG) CAMP CONTINUE TO BE UNSUCCESSFUL DESPITE CONSIDERABLE REGIONAL COMMAND INTEREST. COL. LE HUU DUC, ACTING DEPUTY II CORPS COMMANDER IN NHA TRANG, TOLD THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER ON OCT. 26 THAT THE LACK OF INITIAL SPEED AND SURPRISE PREVENTED MAKING ANY HEADWAY. NOW THE RF IS BOGGED DOWN AND INCREASINGLY SUBJECT TO ACCURATE ENEMY ARTILLERY. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNISTS WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST RVNAF OPERATIONS IN THIS SENSITIVE AREA, AND THAT ONLY LARGER-SCALE OPERATIONS INCLUDING THE BEST ARVN TROOPS WOULD HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS.



4. PHU YEN: BUCKING THE REGIONAL TREND, HOSTILITIES IN PHU YEN DECLINED TO AN UNUSUALLY LOW LEVEL. CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENTS INDICATE THAT THE COMMUNISTS' IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS TO INCREASE MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG QL 1 AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY 6B. THE DEMOLITION OF THE BAN TACH BRIDGE ON QL 1 (OCT 26) MAY HAVE BEEN THE INAUGURATION OF THIS PLAN. THE PROVINCE CHIEF EXPRESSES DOUBT THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE HIS NUMEROUS SECURITY MISSIONS AND STILL MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE OFFENSIVE POSTURE TO PREEMPT THE INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY HE ANTICIPATES IN EARLY 1974.

5. BINH THUAN: THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS HAS BEEN INCREASING OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, PROMPTING THE DEPUTY SECTOR COMMANDER TO ANNOUNCE AT THE PROVINCE BRIEFING OCT 30 THAT "THE CEASE-FIRE NO LONGER EXISTS". HE GAVE ORDERS TO PUT ALL CIVIL AND MILITARY PERSONNEL ON ALERT AND, EXPRESSING ANNOYANCE OVER SOME CASES OF RF/PF UNPREPAREDNESS, DECLARED THAT THE COMMANDERS OF SUCH TROOPS WOULD BE JAILED. THE UPWARD TREND HAS BEEN CAUSED BY INCREASING ENEMY TENDENCY TO PRESSURE THE RVNAF, AND BY COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO TAKE A CUT OF THE RICE HARVEST.

6. NINH THUAN: NEXT DOOR IN NINH THUAN, THE USUAL TRANQUILITY GAVE WAY TO A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS WHICH, THOUGH SMALL IN NUMBER, DEMONSTRATE ENEMY ACTIVITY NOT SEEN SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE. ACCORDING TO A LATE REPORT, PHAN RANG AIR BASE WAS HIT ON OCT 21 BY TWO 122MM ROCKETS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE. THERE WAS LITTLE DAMAGE. FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, THERE WAS A SNIPER ATTACK ON AN RF RECONNAISSANCE TEAM ALONG QL 1 NEAR THE CA NA SALT FLATS -- A SCENIC AREA FAVORED AS A REST STOP BY BUSES AND TRAVELLING AMERICANS. CONFIDENTIAL

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7. ICCS: THE GREATER PART OF THE IRANIAN DELEGATIONS IN PHAN THIET AND PLEIKU (REGION IV AND III HEADQUARTERS) ARRIVED AT THEIR POSTS ON OCTOBER 29. TO DATE, NO IRANIANS HAVE DEPLOYED TO SUB-REGIONAL POSTS, THOUGH THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO SEND ONE ADVANCE MAN TO EACH OF REGION IV'S SUB-REGIONAL POSTS ON NOV. 1. ARVN'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE ON REGION IV'S JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION INTENDS TO INVITE THE FOUR DELEGATIONS TO INVESTIGATE THE MOST RECENT CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS, THOUGH HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE RESULTS.

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1. THE NUMBER OF MILITARY INCIDENTS DECREASED FROM 159 TO 122 DURING PAST WEEK. THERE WERE 48 GROUND CONTACTS, 28 ABF'S, 26 MINE DETONATIONS, 20 MISCELLANEOUS. COMMUNIST ARTILLERY FIRE WAS DOWN FROM 310 TO 192 ROUNDS. INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN ALL PROVINCES WITH BINH DUONG (P) ACCOUNTING FOR 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL. GVN CASUALTIES WERE DOWN FROM 145 TO 111. OF 21 KILLED, 10 WERE CIVILIANS. ENEMY CASUALTIES DECREASED FROM 78 TO 62 (60 KIA). TWELVE RALLIERS CAME IN DURING WEEK AND 11 ARVN

SOLDIERS ESCAPED FROM THEIR CAPTORS, LARGEST NUMBER IN RECENT MEMORY.

2. IN FIRST OF WHAT CONGEN BELIEVES WILL BE SEVERAL CHANGES IN MILITARY LEADERSHIP THIS REGION, LTG NGUYEN VAN MINH RELINQUISHED COMMAND OF MR3 OCTOBER 29 TO LTG PHAM QUOC THUAN. THUAN COMES TO III CORPS FROM THE TPJMC WHERE HE HAS SERVED AS CHIEF GVN DELEGATE. HE WAS COMMANDANT, THU DUC INFANTRY TRAINING SCHOOL 1969-1973 WHERE LTG MINH WILL NOW GO AS COMMANDANT. THOUGH MINH'S DEPARTURE WAS OSTENSIBLY FOR "HEALTH" REASONS, OTHER FACTORS CERTAINLY ARE INVOLVED. RECENT FLURRY OF ACTIVITY TO STRENGTHEN DEFENSIVE BELT AROUND SAIGON, PLUS INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES INSTITUTED THROUGHOUT MR 3, ARE CLEAR SIGNALS GVN IS PREPARING FOR EVENTUALITY OF ENEMY HIGH POINTS, WHETHER OF LIMITED OR MORE GENERAL NATURE. IT IS THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE III CORPS COMMAND SWITCH FROM EVIDENCE OF GROWING GVN CONCERN ABOUT ENEMY INTENTIONS THIS REGION. SUCH REASONING GAINS CREDENCE WHEN TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ANTICIPATED CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP OF TWO MR 3 INFANTRY DIVISIONS OUT OF THREE. BG TRAN QUOC LICH, CG ARVN 5TH, IS EXPECTED TO GO, TOGETHER WITH BG LE VAN TU, CG ARVN 25TH. BOTH DIVISIONS HAVE SUFFERED IGNOMINIOUS DEFEATS WHICH HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED BY JGS OR PRESIDENT THIEU. ON OTHER HAND, BG LE MINH DAO, CG ARVN 18TH, APPARENTLY WILL SURVIVE PURGE AS HIS DIVISION RATED BEST IN MR 3.

3. BY PLOTTING INCIDENTS OVER RECENT PERIOD, IT APPEARS THAT  
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ENEMY STRATEGY IS UNDERGOING CHANGE. WHEREAS CONTACTS WERE FORMERLY CONCENTRATED IN MORE ISOLATED AREAS, THEY ARE NOW BEGINNING TO CLUSTER CLOSER TO POPULATION CENTERS ON APPROACHES TO SAIGON. NVA/VC ARE BECOMING BOLDER IN THEIR PROSELYTING AND FOOD PROCUREMENT ENDEAVORS AS INDICATED BY MARKED INCREASE IN NIGHT-TIME PENETRATIONS OF HAMLETS. EVIDENCE CONTINUES TO MOUNT THAT COMMUNISTS MAY BE PLANNING LIMITED ATTACKS TO COINCIDE WITH RICE HARVEST SEASON. COMMUNIST REAR SERVICE GROUPS ARE MOVING TONS OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLIES INTO POSITIONS IN TAY NINH, BINH DUONG, BINH LONG, AND LONG AN AS WELL AS HAU NGHIA AND PHUOC LONG. TROOP MOVEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED IN LARGE NUMBERS AND CURRENT INTEL INDICATES COMMUNIST UNITS ARE PLACING EXTENSIVE EMPHASIS ON COMBINED INFANTRY, ARTILLERY, AND ARMOR TRAINING. MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF LOGISTIC AND PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS IS THAT COMMUNISTS ARE CONCENTRATING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES NEAR HEAVILY POPULATED GVN AREAS WHERE THE USE OF FRIENDLY AIR POWER WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT IN EVENT OF ATTACK.

4. BINH DUONG (P) HAS EXPERIENCED STEADY INCREASE IN FIGHTING PAST 30 DAYS. ROME PLOW OPERATIONS IN BEN CAT ARE STILL FAVORITE ENEMY TARGET, BUT CHON THANH, PHU GIAO, LAI THIEU DISTRICTS ALSO RECEIVING INCREASING NUMBER ATTACKS. APPROXIMATELY

300 NVA/VC WERE REPORTED DIGGING FOXHOLES AND TUNNELS 5 KMS. NW OF PHU GIAO. PROBLEM OF ISOLATION OF PHUOC LONG (P) IS CAUSING SOME UNREST AMONG POPULATION AS CARGO PLANES LANDING AT PHUOC BINH AIRFIELD CONTINUE RECEIVE ABF'S AND CIVILIAN TRAFFIC ON QL 14 IS CONSTANTLY HARASSED. THIS LAND ROUTE THROUGH MR 2 IS CLOSE TO MILITARY TRAFFIC. IN PHUOC TUY (P) ENEMY PRESSURE ON ROUTE 23 WAS COUNTERED WITH AIR STRIKES DURING WEEK AND SAPPER ATTACK ON BRIDGE AT DAT DO WAS FOILED WITH 4 VC KIA OCT 29. AN EARLIER DISCLOSURE OF A CACHE OF ARVN UNIFORMS HAS APPARENTLY BEEN UTILIZED BY APPROXIMATELY TWO COMPANIES OF NVA WHO WERE OBSERVED WEARING THESE UNIFORMS 10 KMS. SE OF PHU MY. ARVN ARTILLERY ENGAGED THEM WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS AS OF THIS WRITING.

5. THE BESIEGED TONLE CHAM RANGER OUTPOST REPORTS INCREASED USAGE OF LOUDSPEAKERS BY NVA/VC TO BROADCAST PROPAGANDA MESSAGES TO THE CAMP. RANGERS ARE NOW USING REVERSE TECHNIQUES OF BROADCASTING SAIGON RADIO PROGRAMS TO NVA/VC UNITS SUR-  
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ROUNDING CAMP. ALLEGED BOMBING "PRACTICES" BY VNAF IN THE RANG RANG AREA OF LONG KHANH (P) CAUSED A COMPLAINT BY NVA/VC TO THE ICCS. IN FACT, MR 3 G2 STATES 40 PLUS AIRSTRIKES WERE FLOWN ON BOTH SIDES ROUTE 322 LAST 7 DAYS AS THIS ROAD BEING USED TO HAUL SUPPLIES INTO WAR ZONE D. SOME SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED AND A BRIDGE WAS HIT. THERE WAS ALSO A RAIL INTERDICTION ON THE LONG KHANH-BIEN HOA LINE IN WHICH A MINE DAMAGED A LOCOMOTIVE AND TEN METERS OF TRACK. FOURTEEN CIVILIANS WERE KIDNAPPED (SEVEN CHILDREN) IN BINH LONG (P) WHICH TENDS CONFIRM REPORTS COMMUNISTS ARE HARD PRESSED TO FILL LABOR FORCE. FINALLY, ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS FIRED AT TWO GVN HELICOPTERS, FORCING ONE TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN TAY NINH (P).

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PART VII MR4

1. SECURITY SITUATION: (A) OVERALL ACTIVITY: MILITARY ACTIVITY EXCEEDED LAST WEEK'S HIGH LEVEL, WITH A TOTAL OF 374 VN/NVA INITIATED INCIDENTS REPORTED BY MR4 (343 LAST WEEK). GVN CASUALTIES, HOWEVER, DROPPED TO 194 KILLED (246 LAST WEEK) AND 817 WOUNDED (897 LAST WEEK). GVN MISSING IN ACTION INCREASED TO 67 (57 LAST WEEK). THE GVN LOST 5 CREW-SERVED WEAPONS (1 LAST WEEK), AND 131 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS (136 LAST WEEK). VC/NVA LOSSES, AS REPORTED, ALSO DROPPED: 642 KILLED (760 LAST WEEK), 38 PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS (19 LAST WEEK), 23 CREW-SERVED WEAPONS SEIZED (30 LAST WEEK), AND 140 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS SEIZED (189 LAST WEEK). ACTIVITY CONTINUES AT A HIGH LEVEL IN THE NORTHERN DELTA WITH MAJOR GROUND ACTION IN DINH TUONG AND KIEN PHONG, AND ATTACKS BY FIRE IN KIEN HOA. THE RANGER MOP-UP CONTINUES ON GIAI MOUNTAIN IN CHAU DOC. THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DELTA CONTINUE RELATIVELY QUIET. (B) VC DRIVE ON SAM GIANG DISTRICT TOWN, DINH TUONG: DINH TUONG IS

STILL THE SCENE OF THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING IN THE DELTA, WITH 186 INCIDENTS (187 LAST WEEK), INCLUDING 37 GROUND ATTACKS AND 63 ATTACKS BY FIRE. REPORTEDLY 19 GVN LOCAL TROOPS WERE KILLED AND 163 WOUNDED COMPARED WITH 62 VC/NVA KILLED. TWO OUTPOSTS WERE ABANDONED DURING THE WEEK. FOLLOWING CLASHES ON SEPTEMBER 21 (17 RF KILLED) AND OCTOBER 20 (20 ARVN KILLED), A BATTALION OF THE VC DONG THAP I REGIMENT OVERRAN FOUR OUTPOSTS SOUTHWEST OF SAM GIANG TOWN, AND APPROACHED TO WITHIN 500 METERS OF THE TOWN ITSELF ON OCTOBER 25. AFTER A FIREFIGHT WITH LOCAL RF, HOWEVER, THE VC WITHDREW. IN ANOTHER ACTION ON THE SAME DAY, ELEMENTS OF THE VC BATTALION CLASHED WITH THE ARVN 3RD BN, 10TH REGIMENT, 7TH DIVISION, ABOUT 3 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF SAM GIANG, RESULTING IN 40 VC KILLED AND ARVN LOSSES OF 32 KILLED AND 40 WOUNDED. BY OCTOBER 29, THE DONG THAP BATTALION HAD APPARENTLY WITHDRAWN FROM THE SAM GIANG TOWN AREA. THE CAI LAY DISTRICT CHIEF WAS REPLACED BECAUSE OF HIS RECENT PPOR PERFORMANCE. (C) VC/NVA THRUST IN EASTERN KIEN PHONG CONTINUES: OF 88 INCIDENTS IN KIEN PHONG (106 LAST WEEK), 60 WERE IN MY AN DISTRICT ADJACENT TO THE TRI PHAP TRI-BORDER AREA. CONFIDENTIAL

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FOUR MORE OUTPOSTS IN MY AN WERE OVERRUN BY VC/NVA (TEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER), MOST NOTABLY THE MY DAC OUTPOST, WHICH HAS BEEN A FOCAL POINT OF THE STRUGGLE IN THE PROVINCE SINCE EARLY OCTOBER. AFTER 22 DAYS OF SHELLINGS AND GROUND ATTACKS, IT FELL ON OCTOBER 25. TWO VC COMPANIES ARE REPORTED CONCENTRATING IN GO TRE WITH A VIEW TO TAKING CONTROL OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE HUONG CHANCH LONG AND PHUOC XUYEN CANALS, A KEY POINT IN DONG TIEN DISTRICT, THE MIDDLE SECTION OF NVA INFILTRATION ROUTE 1A. SINCE CEASE-FIRE, THERE HAVE BEEN NOW OVER 1,000 VC/NVA VIOLATIONS REPORTED BY LOCAL FORCES IN KIEN PHONG. (D) ARVN WITHDRAWS FROM KIEN HOA: THE 2ND BATTALION, 10TH REGIMENT, 7TH ARVN DIVISION LEFT MO CAY DISTRICT OF KIEN HOA OCTOBER 27 AFTER FIVE DAYS THERE, DURING WHICH THE BATTALION HAD ONLY ONE CONTACT. THE 7TH DIVISION TROOPS HAD BEEN SENT TO KIEN HOA TO COUNTERACT INCREASED VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, CONFIRMED BY INCREASED VC/NVA ARTILLERY FIRE RECENTLY. PROVINCE OFFICIALS NEVERTHELESS CLAIM THE VC HAVE TAKEN HEAVY CASUALTIES. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE CONTINUED AT A HIGH LEVEL, WITH 109 INCIDENTS (108 LAST WEEK). 17 GVN TROOPS WERE KILLED, 83 WOUNDED, AS OPPOSED TO 47 VC/NVA REPORTED KILLED. (E) MOP-UP CONTINUES ON GIAI MOUNTAIN: ARVN RANGERS ARE BUILDING DEFENSIVE FORTIFICATIONS ON RECENTLY-CAPTURED HILL 549 ON GIAI MOUNTAIN IN CHAU DOC. SIX OF THE ORIGINAL NINE RANGER BATTALIONS REMAIN ON THE MOUNTAIN. SOME 300 NVA ARE BELIEVED STILL HIDING IN SIX CAVES ON THE MOUNTAIN, WHICH MAY INCLUDE A HOSPITAL. ONE CAVE IS OVER 2 KILOMETERS LONG. THE RANGERS FIRED OVER 2,500 ARTILLERY ROUNDS AT SUSPECTED NVA LOCATIONS DURING THE WEEK. NVA RESISTANCE NOW CONSISTS MERELY OF OCCASIONAL SNIPER FIRE. THE COST OF THE OPERATION IS NOW CLEARER. OFFICIAL FIGURES REPORT 82 RANGERS KILLED AND 485 WOUNDED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CAMPAIGN IN LATE AUGUST. HOSPITAL AND

MORTUARY RECORDS, HOWEVER, INDICATE 132 KILLED AND 1008 WOUNDED, AND A HOSPITAL OFFICIAL CLAIMS RANGERS AND RF KILLED TOTALLED 612. 44TH STZ COMMANDER COLONEL HOANG DUC NINH AT ONE POINT REPORTED 40 TO 80 CASUALTIES PER DAY OVER A TEN-DAY PERIOD, LENDING CREDENCE TO A TOTAL CASUALTY FIGURE MUCH HIGHER THAN THE OFFICIAL ONE. ELSEWHERE IN CHAU DOC, MILITARY ACTIVITY LAST WEEK CONTINUED AT A LOW LEVEL, WITH JUST TWO GVN TROOPS REPORTED KILLED. (F) QUIET SOUTH OF THE MEKONG: THERE WERE JUST 18 INCIDENTS IN ALL VINH LONG LAST WEEK, MANIFESTING A CONTINUOUS DECLINE SINCE THE MAY MONTHLY HIGH OF 183. PROVINCE OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPECT RENEWED ACTIVITY BEGINNING WITH THE DRY SEASON IN DECEMBER. LIKE VINH LONG, PHONG DINH AND VINH BINH PROVINCE CHIEFS ALSO EXPECTS INCREASED VC ACTIVITY SHORTLY, PERHAPS INCLUDING ATTACKS ON DISTRICT TOWNS. BA XUYEN REPORTS ONLY A SERIES OF MINOR INCIDENTS. THERE WERE 11 INCIDENTS IN BAC LIEU,

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CONTINUING A SLOW INCREASE SINCE EARLY OCTOBER. AN ATTACK ON A PF OUTPOST RESULTED IN 10 PF AND 6 VC KILLED. AN RF BATTALION OPERATION AGAINST A VC "MINI-BASE" ON THE BAC LIEU-BA XUYEN BORDER CAUSED ABOUT 14 VC KILLED AND CONSIDERABLE SEIZURES OF WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND DOCUMENTS. KIEN GIANG REPORTS ONLY 20 INCIDENTS, WITH VC ACTIVITY CONCENTRATED AGAINST THREE OUTPOSTS IN HIEU LE DISTRICT.

2. ICCS/JMC: ELEVEN IRANIAN OFFICERS ARRIVED AT ICCS REGION VII HEADQUARTERS IN CAN THO COMMANDED BY COLONEL ABDOLLA M BEGDELLI OCTOBER 29. TWO ARE TO PROCEED TO THE VINH LONG TEAM SITE AND TWO TO THE QUAN LONG (CA MAU) SITE ON NOVEMBER 1. FIVE MORE IRANIANS ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN CAN THO NEXT WEEK. SEVEN REGION VI IRANIANS UNDER THE COMMAND OF LTC FALLAHI ARRIVED IN MY THO, AND FOUR MORE ARE DUE THERE NEXT WEEK. THE HUNGARIAN AND POLISH DELEGATIONS IN BOTH REGIONS ARE PRESENTLY AT ABOUT HALF STRENGTH, AND ARE IN THE MIDST OF BEING REPLACED BY A SECOND "TRANCHE".

3. RICE AND THE WAR: THE GVN IS PUTTING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS THIS YEAR ON MILITARY OPERATIONS AIMED AT DENYING THE RICE HARVESTS TO THE VC/NVA IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AGAINST VC/NVA AREAS. VC/NVA TACTICS TYPICALLY INCLUDE PRESSURE ON GVN OUTPOSTS TO KEEP GOVERNMENT TROOPS TIED DOWN WHILE THEY COLLECT RICE IN THE HINTERLANDS. THE VC/NVA HAVE ALSO ATTEMPTED - BUT WITH NO PERCEPTIBLE EFFECTS - TO INTERDICT HIGHWAY TRAFFIC TO HARASS GVN RICE TRANSPORTATION. SUCH VC/NVA ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN FACTORS IN THE HIGH LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY BY BOTH SIDES, ESPECIALLY IN DINH TUONG, WHICH IS PRESENTLY HARVESTING A VERY LARGE MIRACLE RICE CROP, AND IN KIEN PHONG. THE 7TH ARVN DIVISION IN DINH TUONG IS REPORTED LOOKING FOR A SIZABLE VC/NVA RICE CACHE RUMORED TO BE HIDDEN IN SAM GIANG DISTRICT. RICE IS ALSO A FACTOR IN THE CHUONG THIEN-KIEN GIANG-ZN XUYEN TRI-BORDER AREA, WHERE FOUR BATTALIONS OF THE 21ST DIVISION ARE



PRESENTLY CONCENTRATED. RICE HAS ALSO BEEN MENTIONED AS A  
FACTOR IN OTHER GVN AND VC ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DELTA. GVN  
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RATHER THAN BY ITS OWN NEED. ACCORDING TO SOME INTELLIGENCE  
REPORTS FROM BOTH VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA, THE EFFORT HAS HAD  
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